

Minutes
INSPIRE Advisory Committee Meeting
September 29, 2009
Indiana State Library
Room 425
2 p.m.

Jim Corridan called the meeting to order. Committee members attending included: Chris Bishop, Kristina Brewer, Edith Campbell, Becky Cole, Nancy Hettlinger, Lynn Hobbs, Kirsten Leonard, Trisha Shively, and Susan Wheeler. Lyrasis staff attending included: Ed McBride, Nancy Harris, Kate Vincent, and Ed Cherubini. Staff from the State Library included Mike Peters, Jacob Speer, Ted Cotterill, Jim Corridan and Catherine Lemmer.

Roll Call

Attendees introduced themselves and it was noted Bishop, Campbell, Leonard and Shively were new members.

Election of Chair and Vice-Chair

Hobbs was nominated as chair and Brewer was nominated as vice-chair of the committee. Leonard moved that the nominations be accepted and Hettlinger seconded. The nominations were unanimously approved.

Agenda & Minutes

The agenda for the meeting and minutes from the June 11th meeting were approved.

State Library Update

Statistics: Peters distributed a handout and reviewed the January-August 2009 statistics. The handout included database sessions, total searches, and full text. It was noted that Testing and Education Resource Center (TERC) and Directory of Open Access Journals were new additions to INSPIRE in April.

Marketing: Speer reported that commercials promoting INSPIRE continue to air on Network Indiana and reach all 92 counties in the state. The radio messages urge listeners to go to INSPIRE and use Indiana's free virtual library. INSPIRE bookmarks have been distributed to public, academic, and school libraries and State Library staff are currently distributing INSPIRE posters to libraries. The posters are based on images and themes used on the bookmarks.

RFP: Corridan said that the contract for the current set of databases expires June 30, 2010 and that the State Library would issue a Request for Proposals (RFP) by the end of

the year. The IAC will participate in the review process as in the past. It was proposed and approved that the State Library survey INSPIRE users about which databases were most important so that the committee could use the results when crafting the RFP and making decisions about which databases to purchase. It was also proposed and approved that a draft of the RFP would be presented to the committee at the November meeting. It was discussed that the committee could make recommendations and edits and the State Library would present a revised draft of the RFP at a December meeting for final approval.

Old Business

No old business was discussed.

New Business

Representatives from Lyris presented the results of their analysis of INSPIRE. Cherubini discussed the strengths and weaknesses of the current set of databases. According to Cherubini the subject strengths include business, education, and health/medical. An additional strength is the number of full-text databases available. The weaknesses include the limited number Spanish language databases and that K-12 education coverage could be enhanced. Cherubini also stated that literature content was not weak but could be improved. McBride stated that Lyris could help the committee with analyzing the responses to the RFP and with price negotiation. The committee approved by consensus working with Lyris to on analyzing the RFP responses and price negotiation.

Announcements

Speer said he would work with Hobbs to set meeting dates in November and December and would e-mail the dates to the committee.

Meeting Adjourned